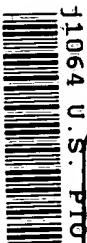


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Attorney Docket No. 36968-254529

First Inventor VERNON MEADOWS

Title SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ELECTRONIC MESSAGE STATUS
CERTIFICATION

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages **45**]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
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 - Background of the Invention
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 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATIONS PARTS

9. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
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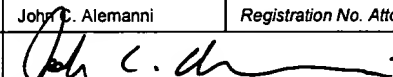
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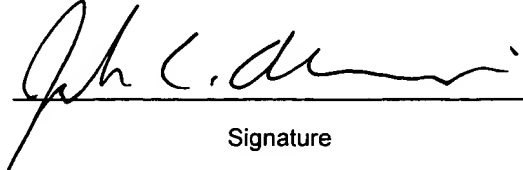
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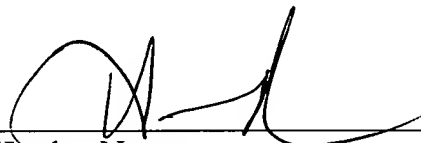
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